(b) whether the Analysis report of such unqualified officers can be relied upon in the court of law; and

(c) what action is taken/proposed to be taken by Government to rectify this defect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) According to the information received from Oil Marketing Companies, officers possessing qualification in chemistry are working in Mobile Labs.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Allotment of Petrol Pumps

122. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the letter to the Editor, Ganashakti dated 29th September, 2001 titled "Petrol Pump-Swajan Poshaner Nojir";

(b) if so, whether any enquiry had been instituted and action taken by IOC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) to (c) As per the preliminary report received, the Dealer Selection Board have denied having made any comments against the Member of Parliament, mentioned in the 'letter to the Editor', while conducting interview of candidates for the retail outlet dealership for Surul, District Birbhum, West Bengal.

As regards other allegations made, further action can be taken after receipt of the order of the Kolkata High Court where a writ petition has been filed by one of the empanelled candidates.